

REMARKS

Claims 1-90 were originally filed in the present case and are subject to an election requirement. Claims 23-91 have been amended to correct a mis-numbering of the claims. Thus, the present Claims are Claims 1-91. In the Office Action dated 9/11/03, the Examiner required two specie elections. In a telephone interview with the Examiner on 10/2/03, it was agreed that the description of specie D should be reworded to state that it is directed to embodiments which do not require a display of a first physical property regarding protein separation separate from mass spectrometry analysis (Interview summary dated 10/2/03).

Applicants hereby elect Specie A (embodiments which do not require direct feeding of an output of a previous separating apparatus into a mass spectrometry apparatus). Within Specie A (Claims 32, 34-48, 50-69, and 71-90), the Applicants elect Specie D (embodiments which do not require a display of a first physical property). The elected Claims are thus 32, 34-38, 44-48, 50-53, 58-69, 71-81, and 87-90. During the interview with the Examiner (10/2/03), it was agreed that the elected claims encompass, but do not require, the non-elected species.

The Applicants have submitted an Information Disclosure Statement and form 1449, which are attached hereto. Should a telephone interview aid in the prosecution of this Application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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